

Families First in Numbers
Updated Information from February 2005

Current number of Assistance Groups: 72,444

Current number of adults: 55,499

Current number of children: 136,776

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,350

Closures in February:

total closures: 3,581

closures for 18 month time limits: 179

closures for sanctions: 614 (ask Kerry)

work-related sanctions: 573

other sanctions: 41

closures for employment: 907

Time limit closures since Families First started: 10,779

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 10,931

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$659.84

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$168.22

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.